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Please add the following paragraph to the specification on page 13, after the paragraph ending on line 2:

The Mylar ring is secured to the upper die 110. It lies adjacent to the flat welding surface 116 of the upper die and projects downwardly toward the lower die 10 beyond a plane formed by the flat surface 116. As the two dies 110, 10 are pressed together and the gap between them is reduced, the Mylar ring 60 closes off the end of the gap between the flat welding surfaces 116, 16, forcing the material that is being extruded from between the flat welding surfaces 116, 16 toward the recesses 118, 18.